

**MDDC Meeting Minutes**  
**June 7, 2016**  
**MDDC, 100 Hancock St., 1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room**  
**Quincy, MA 02171**

**Present:** Matthew Bander, Hillary Dunn, Lydia Brown, Bethany Brown, Erik Nordahl, Henry Milorin, Victor Hernandez, Naomi Goldberg, William Conley, Suzanne Gottlieb, William Kiernan, Kate Ryan, Caroline VanBruinswaardt, Marie Narvaez, Brianna Bevins, Tim Kunzier, Thomas Lane, Kate Bartlett, Lisa Ching, Carol Curtin

**Excused:** Christine Griffin, Sabrina Cazeau-Class, Cyndi Miller, Emily Korkaris

**Absent:** None

**Guests:** Kevin Heaton, Adam, Stephanie Parsons, Jan Tobin

**Staff:** Dan Shannon, Andre Williams, Craig Hall, Adelia DelTrecco, Cathy Jackson, Liz Fancher, Faith Behum, Lee Larriu, Kristin Britton

**1. Acceptance of the Agenda:** Motion passed unanimously

**Motion to accept:** First: Kate Ryan Second: Kate Bartlett

**2. Approval of March Meeting Minutes:** Motion passed

**Motion to approve:** First: Caroline VanBruinswaardt Second: Lisa Ching

**3. Council Updates:** (Lydia Brown, Chairperson)

Next meeting: Tuesday September 13, 2016

Updates: Ashley McAnespie has resigned from working with the MDDC.

Congratulations to Council Secretary, Caroline vanBruinswaardt, who recently accepted a position working for Massachusetts Advocates Standing Strong (MASS) as their Executive Director. Caroline will be resigning from the Council this summer.

Congratulations to Kate Ryan for completing the LEND Fellowship Program at the Shriver Center. A description of Kate's workshop can be found in the Council packets.

Materials in packets include: Membership Directory; Council Quarterly Update; SALS Report; Policy Team Report; Article titled "FDA Proposal to Ban Electrical Stimulation devices Executive Summary"; MDDC Project Reports for Quarter 2; MDDC State Plan Committee Report and Recommendations 2017-2021; W-9 form; Conflict of Interest Form.

Membership: Five new members are still awaiting approval and appointment. Dan and Adelia will work on how to expedite the process. Five additional membership terms will end this fall.

Lydia explained the concept of 'preferred pronouns' and invited members to identify their preferred pronoun when speaking during the meeting.

**4. State Plan Priorities:** (Bethany Brown/Lisa Ching/Hillary Dunn/Henry Milorin)  
The State Plan Committee members conducted a presentation on the State Plan process, including the committee's work, public input, priority development, and the recommendations for goals and objectives. The PowerPoint presentation can be found in the Council packets. It was requested that the PowerPoint presentation be emailed to members of the Council due to the small print on handout version. Members discussed and debated the recommended goals and objectives at length. Suggestions were made about specific matters to consider in implementation, and the following changes were proposed for specific objectives:

Goal 3: Objective 2:

Change wording to reflect competitive, integrative and meaningful employment relevant to the persons skills".

Goal 4: Objective 2:

Change wording "will" vote to "opportunity" to vote, allowing a person to choose not to vote.

**Language amendments to Objectives 3.2 and 4.2 were accepted: Motion passed unanimously**

**First:** Victor Hernandez **Second:** William Conley

**5. Other Business:**

Conflict of Interest Forms- all members need to sign off that they have read and agree with the terms under the Conflict of Interest Form.

Remember to fill out the Communications Guideline Questionnaire before leaving.

**6. Adjournment:**

**Motion to Approve:** Motion passes unanimously.

**First:** Matthew Bander **Second:** Victor Hernandez

**Time: 8:46 pm**

Review/ Approved

Caroline VanBruinswaart, Secretary

8/23/2016  
Date

Daniel M. Shannon, Executive Director

8/23/16  
Date

**MDDC Meeting Minutes**  
**September 13, 2016**  
**100 Hancock Street, Quincy, MA 02121**

**Present:** Matthew Bander, Hillary Dunn, Lydia Brown, Bethany Brown, Henry Milorin, Brianna Bevins, Finn Gardner, William Kiernan, Marie Narvaez, Tim Kunzier, Emily Korkaris, Kate Bartlett, Kathleen Amaral, Wendy Kennedy, Kate Brewer, Victor Hernandez, Hillary Dunn

**Excused:** Erik Nordahl, Thomas Lane, Naomi Goldberg, William Conley, Kate Ryan, Sabrina Cazeau-Class, Cyndy Miler, Carol Curtin, Ariana Viscone, Lisa Ching

**Absent:** Christine Griffin

**Guests:** Alexis Toliver, Yvonne Christian, Saoirse Tilton, Patrick, Megan Kennedy, Stephanie, Adam, Donna Jay, Jan Tobin

**Staff:** Faith Behum, Liz Fancher, Craig Hall, Cathy Jackson, Dan Shannon, Adelia DelTrecco Lee Larriu, Kristin Britton

**1. Acceptance of Agenda:** Motion passed unanimously  
**Motion to accept:** First: Matthew Bander Second: Emily Korkaris

**2. Approval of June Meeting Minutes:** Motion passed unanimously.  
**Motion to accept:** First: Victor Hernandez Second: Henry Milorin  
Note that Brianna Bevins spells her name with 2 n's.

**3. Council Updates:** (Lydia Brown, Chairperson)  
Harold Lieberman, staff of the council is suffering a severe illness and is currently in the hospital. A card will be passed around for those who are interested in signing it. Brianna Bevins contact information needs to be corrected as does the spelling of her name both on the minutes and membership directory.

There is a Disability and Intersectionality Summit in October. Contact Lydia Brown if you would like more information.

FY 17 Meeting Dates: The membership voted to establish meeting dates for FFY 17 as follows: Tuesday, December 13, 2016; Tuesday, March 14, 2017; Tuesday, June 4, 2017; Tuesday September 12, 2017.

**Motion to approve:** Motion passed unanimously.  
First: Kate Brewer Second: Matthew Bander

Materials in Packets: There is an updated Membership Directory, the Council Quarterly Report April 1st- June 30<sup>th</sup>, the Self-Advocacy Leadership Series Report, the Communications Guideline Questionnaire, Housing Conference information from Massachusetts Families Organizing for Change, MDDC 2017 Annual State Plan Work Plan, "All in a Day's Work" photo contest information.

#### **4. Membership Committee Report (Adelia DelTrecco)**

Four new members have been appointed: Kathleen Amaral, Ariana Viscone, Wendy Kennedy and Kate Brewer. There is one member reappointment: Henry Milorin. The next round of vacancies include 3 primary/ secondary, 1 institutional and 1 local/non-government position. The Membership committee will meet in the fall to develop a recruitment plan for filling these positions.

#### **5. Public Policy and Program Report (Kristin Britton)**

Self-Advocacy Leadership Series: (Lee Larriu) The SALS was offered throughout the state to the general public. The metro team ran two series this summer at Bridgewater State University; one series took place at Fitchburg University and one series at Holyoke Community College. In total, there were 37 SALS graduates from May-August. SALS classes for students in transition are scheduled to start in the Fall of 2016 at Bridgewater State University, Lesley University in Cambridge, Cambridge College in Springfield and American International College in Springfield.

Independence College: (Lee Larriu) The 2016 year began with 41 students. A total of 31 students graduated on September 21, 2016 at the Neighborhood Club in Quincy, MA. Independence College will be traveling to the Northeast part of the state. The first semester will be held at the Massachusetts School of Law in Andover, MA

Public Policy: Cindy Smith, NACDD Director of Public Policy, attended a Council sponsored luncheon to provide policy and budget updates from Washington, DC. The annual MDDC Disability Employment Awareness contest called "All in a Days' Work" is currently taking place. The winner will be announced November 1, 2016 and will receive a \$200 support through the Council's CEF program.

The Personal Care Attendant (PCA) overtime rule was briefly explained. This is a federal rule requiring changes in pay to PCAs. MassHealth has established new pay rules as of September 1, 2016. There is a PSA Coalition that could benefit from new members getting involved. The meetings currently take place in Worcester.

Finn Gardner, former Gopen Fellow, ran a mentoring project for individuals on the autism spectrum looking for jobs, education and navigating services. Finn wrote a resources guide and a mentorship guide. Finn was very active in the recruitment process. Our current Gopen Fellow is Collette Divitto. The focus of her project is to expand on her cookie/baking business.

Kristin advised the Council that we are looking for new members for the 2017 Public Policy Committee. Public policy will be responsible for setting the Council's policy priorities for the 2017-2018 legislative cycle. Most meeting are conducted by conference call and all members are encouraged to participate. A call will go out to all members. In the meantime contact Kristin for more information.

#### **7. FFY 17 Budget: (Craig Hall)**

A detailed outline of the spending plan was passed out to members. And overview of the following was provided: The budget process; continuing resolution, Budget Sequestration; Allotment analysis and Forecast; Recommended FY 2017 spending plan.

**Motion to approve:** Motion passed by majority vote (one abstention).

First: Emily Korkaris Second: Kate Bartlett Abstention: Kate Brewer

## **8. Election of Officers:**

Candidates were required to submit nominations to run for office in advance. There is at least one candidate for each vacancy so there will be no nominations from the floor by rule (Council by-laws).

Nominations include: Vice Chairperson: Emily Korkaris  
Secretary: Matthew Bander

**Motion to elect:** Passed by majority vote (two abstentions)

First: William Kiernan Second: Henry Milorin

Abstentions: Matthew Bander, Emily Korkaris.

## **9. Other Business/Open Discussion**

Alexis Toliver shared concerns that our state plan doesn't adequately cover issues that include communities of color. She claimed that none of our policies impact communities of color, and noted that black is not mentioned in our state plan. She also noted that our website is cognitively challenging to maneuver. She contended that we should increase the number of people of color on our council to 50%.

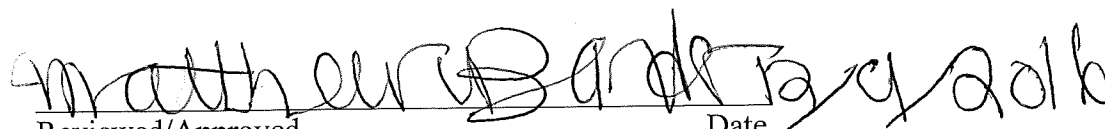
Yvonne Christian stated that she supports Alexis' contentions and added that more of our materials should be provided in different languages.


Lydia thanked them for their input.

**10. Motion to adjourn:** Passed unanimously.

First: Henry Milorin Second: Wendy Kennedy

**Time:** 8:32 p.m.

  
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Reviewed/Approved Date  
Matthew Bander, Secretary

  
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Daniel M Shannon, Executive Director